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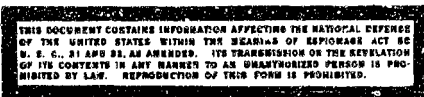
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PEAT ENTERPRISES REPORT ACHIEVEMENTS,  
 BUT MECHANIZATION OF PEAT CUTTING LAGS

BELORUSSIA BEHIND IN MECHANIZED PEAT CUTTING -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 205, 15 Oct 49

The 19th Congress of the KP(b) of the Belorussian SSR noted that the cheapest, completely mechanized method of producing peat by a cutting machine (frezermyy torf) was not being extensively utilized.

Only 30 percent of the total amount of peat consumed by "Belorusenergo" electric power plants is produced by cutting machines. "Glavenergo" electric power plants use only 11 percent, while other Belorussian enterprises fail to use this type of peat at all.

USSR peat-fired furnaces are adapted to burn lump peat (kuskovyy). Machine-cut peat cannot be economically utilized in these furnaces because of its small size (1-10 mm). Only the top layer on the grate burns and the peat has to be constantly poked, a procedure which causes unburned particles to fall out with the ashes. However, when machine-cut peat burns in a suspended state it generates heat up to 900-1,000 degrees.

The quota of peat required by large "Belorusenergo" power plants is still unknown. The greatest part of the peat is burned in small fire-boxes of steam boilers and of various driers. Their conversion to machine-cut peat is important but involves considerable labor. The problem should be solved by the construction of small furnaces (topki) for burning machine-cut peat and by manufacturing testing equipment so that conclusive experiments may be made.

The Radio Plant imeni Molotov and Minsk Brick Plant No 2 have started the construction of small furnaces for burning machine-cut peat. However, there is no proper supervision of their construction. In the Brick Plant the construction of the furnace deviates greatly from standards developed

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by the power section of the Academy of Sciences Belorussian SSR and the assembly of the furnace in the radio plant is 2 to 3 months behind schedule.

**BELORUSSIAN PEAT ENTERPRISES EXCEED 1949 GOALS -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 232, 11 Oct 49**

Workers of the "Krasnoye Znamya" Peat Enterprises, Smolevichskiy Rayon, fulfilled on 20 August their obligation for above-plan cutting of peat and dried and removed all the peat by 1 October. They freed more than 1,300,000 rubles instead of the pledged 443,000 rubles.

**Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 219, 4 Nov 49**

"Fanipol" Peat Enterprise, Dzerzhinskii Rayon (director, T. M. Frolov; secretary of party organization, F. K. Paviyut'; chairman of peat committee, Klimovich), fulfilled the 1949 gross-production plan 112.2 percent as of 1 October and the plan for peat cutting 136.3 percent. Third quarter 1949 labor productivity reached 160.1 percent of the plan and production costs were reduced 4.1 percent above the plan.

"Zaeyevka" Peat Enterprise, Zaslavl'skiy Rayon (director, N. F. Mazo; secretary of party organization, M. P. Shalyak), fulfilled the 1949 production plan 147.4 percent as of 1 October, and the peat cutting plan 147.3 percent. Labor productivity reached 128 percent of the plan and above-plan reduction of production costs amounted to 8.4 percent.

**Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 220, 5 Nov 49**

"Mikhanovich" Peat Enterprise, Minskii Rayon (director V. P. Stasevich; secretary of party organization, V. I. Grinkevich; chairman of peat committee, N. I. Barbosov), had fulfilled the gross-production plan as of 10 October 124.6 percent, the plan for peat cutting 128.4 percent, and the plan for labor productivity 119 percent. Production costs were reduced 1.7 percent above the plan.

"Rodichevo" Peat Enterprise (director, I. A. Kurochkin; party organizer, I. F. Konyayev; chairman of peat committee, V. I. Khromtsevich) fulfilled the 1949 plan 107.9 percent and the plan for peat cutting 125 percent, thus reaching the level planned for 1950. Labor productivity reached 120 percent of the plan and production costs were lowered 117,000 rubles.

"Glubotskoye" Peat Enterprise (director, G. P. Nikitenko, party organizer, S. Pozdryakov; chairman of peat committee, M. Kovsharov) fulfilled the 1949 plan 121.3 percent, and the plan for peat cutting 132.4 percent, attaining a level 53.1 percent above that set for 1950. The plan for labor productivity was fulfilled 133.5 percent and production costs were reduced 206,000 rubles.

"Kim" Peat Enterprise (director, I. G. Gonchar; party organizer, P. Ye. Malshchenko; chairman of peat committee, P. P. Suprun) fulfilled the 1949 plan 107.7 percent, and the plan for peat cutting 131.8 percent, attaining a level 10 percent higher than that set for 1950. The plan for labor productivity was fulfilled 137.3 percent and production costs were reduced 16,000 rubles.

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Novaya Nysa Peat Enterprise (director, Y. M. Rozov; chairman of peat committee, M. G. Migov) fulfilled the 1949 plan 112.6 percent and the plan for peat cutting 116 percent, attaining a level 42.1 percent above that planned for 1950. The plan for labor productivity was fulfilled 206 percent and production costs were lowered 255,000 rubles.

Gomel' Oblast Fuel Administration (chief, N. K. Guk) fulfilled the 1949 plan 109.8 percent and the plan for peat cutting 117 percent.

Baranovich Oblast Fuel Administration (chief, P. T. Ponomarenko) fulfilled the 1949 plan 106.8 percent and the plan for peat cutting 107.3 percent.

Bobruysk Oblast Fuel Administration (chief, M. P. Samsomik) fulfilled the 1949 plan 107.9 percent and the plan for peat cutting 107.2 percent.

Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 221, 6 Nov 49

The Peat Artel imeni 8 S'yeda Sovetov, Minskiy Rayon (chairman, K. Z. Yaroshevich; secretary of party organization, A. I. Kochetov), fulfilled the 1949 gross-production plan 102.5 percent as of 25 September and the plan for peat cutting 102.1 percent. Profits for 9 months of 1949 amounted to 220,000 rubles.

LATVIAN PEAT OUTPUT REACHES 1950 LEVEL -- Sovetskaya Latvya, No 256, 29 Oct 49

Minister Zhuka of the Latvian Local Fuel Industry has stated that the local fuel industry of Latvia fulfilled the Five-Year Plan on 20 September and achieved the volume of peat cutting and output of peat insulation plates intended for 1950. The 1949 plan was completed 98 percent.

Sovetskaya Latvya, No 261, 4 Nov 49

The "Kukas" Peat Plant fulfilled the 1949 year plan in September. Thirteen hundred more tons of peat were processed than provided for by the plan.

Sovetskaya Latvya, No 231, 30 Sep 49

Peat workers of "Priedayne" Plant have fulfilled the year plan for gross production 130 percent and for peat transport 105 percent.

LENINGRAD PEAT SEASON ENDS AHEAD OF TIME -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 230, 29 Sep 49

Enterprises of "Lengostorf" Trust completed the state plan for drying and storing of peat on 27 September, 15 days ahead of schedule. The state plan was fulfilled 100.3 percent. Storage of additional peat is continuing.

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Leningradskaya Pravda, No 227, 25 Sep 49

Irinovskoye Peat Enterprise completed the season peat plan 18 days ahead of schedule. Electric power plants will receive 100,000 tons of high-grade fuel above the plan from the workers of this enterprise.

Leningradskaya Pravda, No 242, 13 Oct 49

Transport workers of the Gatchna Peat Enterprise shipped 470 railroad cars of peat above their quota to Leningrad during 9 days of October.

OTHER PEAT ENTERPRISES ACHIEVE 1949 LEVEL -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 263, 6 Nov 49

Orehovo-Zuyeviskiy Peat Trust has fulfilled the 1949 plan.

Kommunist, No 60, 3 Nov 49

The Kalininskoye Peat Enterprise in the Armenian SSR fulfilled the year plan for peat cutting on 1 October.

Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 227, 25 Sep 49

Tootsi Briquette Plant, Pyarnu Uyezd, has completed the year plan for machine-cut peat.

NEW BRIQUETTE PLANTS TO USE MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 193, 28 Sep 49

A new peat briquette plant is under construction in Zhitkovichskiy Rayon, Poliss'ye Oblast. All production processes will be mechanized in the new enterprise.

Sovetskaya Litva, No 264, 7 Nov 49

The first peat briquette plant in Lithuania was put into operation in Baltoyi Voke, Vil'nyus Uyezd, just before 7 November. The plant is provided with high-grade equipment of domestic manufacture.

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